

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRACKING SYSTEM (EPHTS)

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2003 9:30 a.m.
Washoe County District Health Department
North Conference Room
1001 E. Ninth Street
Reno, NV

I. PARTICIPANTS

EPHTS Leadership Team

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Kathy Lauckner	University of Nevada Las Vegas Harry Reid Center
David Hoch	Clark County Dept. of Air Quality Management
Gloria Deyhle	Nevada State Health Division
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II. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome, Overview and Update
2. Presentations
3. Consortium Small Group Activity
4. Public Comment
5. Date and Time of Next Meeting
6. Summary and Conclusion

III. GRANT OVERVIEW AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Discussion of:

- **New cycle of funding:**

The PHTS received CDC level funding in Federal Fiscal Year 02 and applied for additional funds to support Clark and Washoe County Health Departments in integrating environmental information in the public health education activities.

- **CDC Site visit to Nevada and attendance at the second consortium meeting:**

Just received a very positive report from the CDC program consultant regarding the site visit to Nevada (August 28, 2003). CDC feedback was very positive. Nevada's program met and exceeded all CDC expectations, and Nevada's program was highlighted as one of the most successful programs in the nation. CDC visitors were very impressed with the level of knowledge, commitment and participation of Nevada's Consortium members.

- **Website development:**

A complete history of the Nevada program since its inception is now on the Web at <http://www.healthtrack.nv.gov/>. The website includes all previous meeting agendas, minutes, and all PowerPoint presentations from previous meetings as well as program tools such as the Database Inventory tool and Survey to Assess Available (State, County, and Community) Data Systems.

- **Developing Inventory**

The program and Technical Leadership Team staffs are systematically evaluating existing databases and systems that are directly or indirectly related to chronic diseases. The evaluation process includes completeness, validity, reliability, and accessibility.

- **Current Participation in CDC Activities:**

- Program staff and Technical Leadership Team Members regularly participate in five CDC Working Groups and several Working Subgroups to develop common definitions for data standardization and to study methods of linking different dissimilar data sets. Staff of the EPHTS is working with CDC on developing culturally appropriate public education messages.
- Nevada applied for potential CDC funding to implement an asthma surveillance, control and prevention program. Unfortunately, the application was approved but not funded. The program manager was invited to attend the CDC National Conference on Asthma scheduled for April 2004. During that conference, CDC consultants have scheduled a special session with Nevada staff to discuss potential funding for the Asthma program.
- The program is working with a UNR graduate student to develop community-specific assessments that will simulate the National

Protocol for Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH). Carson City community was identified as a potential demonstration site. The project will identify and list community priorities in the environmental health area.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- David Hoch, Clark County Department of Air Quality Management, <http://www.healthtrack.nv.gov/documents/112003DAQMOverviewDavidHoch.ppt>
- Kathy Lauckner, UNLV, Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies, <http://www.healthtrack.nv.gov/Documents/112003KathyLauckner.ppt>

V. CONSORTIUM SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

- Was tabled for the next meeting in year 2004.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

VII. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- Probable dates/times and locations for the next meetings will be included in the first update.

VIII. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- Will be determined at a later date.

The program staff will develop an update system that will maintain communications among the state stakeholders and will update consortium members on regular bases. Probable dates/times and locations for the next meetings will be included in the first update.